CFAC Minutes 6/5/2020

This CFAC meeting was held to discuss the different strategic initiatives presented in each subcommittee and to vote on each.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. Members not in attendance were Shawn Keough and Senator Steve Bair. Shawn Keough was later marked as present.

Adams noted that each of the subcommittee reports were posted for public comment and sent to the germane legislative committee chairs to ensure an opportunity for legislative input.

Jeff Weak started the committee off with a report from his subcommittee on new IT firewalls for the state of Idaho. No public comment was given during the commenting period and no details of the project were changed since the last subcommittee meeting. The project totals \$1.8 million. Bobbi-Jo Meuleman motioned to approve the subcommittee work, seconded by John Evans. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Josh Tewalt presented the report from his committee next. No public comment was received on the project during the commenting period and the project is unchanged from the previous subcommittee proposal with the project totaling \$16.2 million. Tewalt noted that he answered questions offline from members of CFAC and the legislature. Tom Keeley moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Shawn Keough. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Keeley then presented on the Broadband project which received a large amount of public comment. Tom began saying that the recommendation was clarified and made clearer so the committee could better understand what it was for. He stated that the project totals up to \$50 million for potential grants and clarified how procurement was adjusted in the proposal in that this project would be a grant process to make the bidding process open and fairer. Second, the committee broadened who is eligible and will rely heavily on local programs already in place to ensure timely release of the funds. Tom also emphasized that in the proposal that broadband service will be provided by private sector companies. The subcommittee also removed the private sector match requirement for the projects. Lastly, the subcommittee stated that smaller and more rural committees will be a priority when looking at grant applicants. Matt Newton moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Lisa Hettinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Lastly Representative Wintrow presented her subcommittee report on rental assistance. Two adjustments came out of the meeting, the first being an initial cap of three months for applicants to receive assistance with the ability to receive up to three more. Second, all landlords who receive the grant will be posted on Transparent Idaho with their name or name of the utility company that the payment went to, dollar amount of the grant, and the county where the grant is going. Adam clarified that internet is not considered a reimbursable utility. John Evans moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Shawn Keough. Dennis Johnson and Lisa Hettinger abstained from the vote due to potential conflicts. The motion passed with Lt. Governor McGeachin voting nay.

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 3:34pm.